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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AQ ITU-T Recommendation G.975, November 1996, Series G:  
Transmission Systems and Media, Digital Systems and Networks,  
Forward Error Correction for Submarine Systems, pages 1-11.

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**


- Reference AQ is the ITU-T Recommendation for forward error correction for Submarine Systems.

- A copy of reference AQ together with form 1449 is submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AA. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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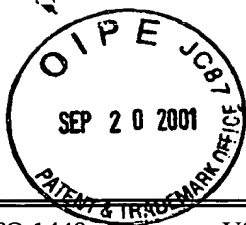
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